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This amendment and response under 37 CFR §1.11 concerning the above-identified patent application is in response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2001.

AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby affirms his election of claims 1-32, in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4, 20 and 22.